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Honorable George Huddleston, Jr.
276 Federal Building
Birmingham 3, Alabama

Dear Mr. Huddleston:

Thank you for your recent letter enclosing a letter from Mr. Robert Hall Brown of Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Brown enclosed a clipping from the November 29 issue of THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS containing a column by Robert S. Allen and Paul Scott. I am sure you will agree it would not be appropriate for me to comment in detail on the statements made in this newspaper clipping.

On the other hand, you are familiar with the work done by the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services Committee over the years. In addition, there are similar Subcommittees for CIA matters in the House Appropriations Committee and in the Senate Appropriations and Armed Services Committees. The Agency has worked with these four Subcommittees briefing them on Agency functions and activities. The Agency has attempted to answer fully any questions raised by the members of those Subcommittees.

In addition to the activities of these congressional committees, the Bureau of the Budget scrutinizes Agency budget requests and maintains supervision over Agency activities in accord with law. Further, there has been established by Executive Order the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board. This Board maintains a continuing review of the Agency and periodically makes reports with specific recommendations to the President.

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You may rest assured that upon your return to Washington I would be glad to discuss with you this matter, or any other, in the fullest detail.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

John A. McCone
Director

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